

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of J.G., B.R., J.R., N.R. and K.R.,
Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ANGELA ROBERTS,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

CORNELIUS RAWLS and DAVID ROBERTS,

Respondents.

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No. 238679

Kent Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 98-104800-NA

Before: Hoekstra, P.J., and Wilder and Zahra, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court's order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(ii), (g) and (j). We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The evidence supports the trial court's conclusion that the minor children's emotional healing was hindered because the respondent was in denial about the physical and sexual abuse inflicted on the children by their father. The evidence further supports the trial court's conclusion that respondent lacked the ability to protect the children from harm. Thus, the trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989).

Further the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to her children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra

/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder

/s/ Brian K. Zahra